

Amendments to the Specification:

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*Please insert the following paragraph after the title:*

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/CA2004/000966, filed June 29, 2004, which claims the benefit of US Patent Applications Serial No. 60/483,636, filed on July 1, 2003, and Serial No. 60/558,099, filed on April 1, 2004. The contents of both applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

*Please amend the paragraph [0028], as follows:*

Figure 1A illustrates the structure of an exemplary signaling aptamer complex consisting of MAP (SEQ ID NO:1), FDNA (SEQ ID NO:2), and QDNA (SEQ ID NO:3).